



## Agricultural Crime Unit

The Agricultural Crime Unit investigates wildfire arson, livestock theft, farm crimes, and criminal activities on state forest lands. The Ag Crime Unit also enforces laws and state regulations relating to the movement of animals, animal and plant diseases, use of state forest and various activities of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture.

Most wildfire arson cases fall exclusively under the Ag Crime Unit. Of the more than 2,000 wildfires Tennessee experiences annually, nearly 40 percent are arson cases. As an example, an arsonist burned more than 1.25 square miles of land over eight days in one case where the suspect was apprehended. The Ag Crime Unit is recognized statewide for their expertise and innovation in wildfire arson investigation. For more information on the ACU visit: [www.tn.gov/agriculture/general/acu.html](http://www.tn.gov/agriculture/general/acu.html).

***"The Ag Crime Unit and local law enforcement work together to apprehend these individuals. Forest fires can spread quickly and endanger human life and property."***

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### Hay Clinkers

Hay fires can be devastating to a farmer. Studies by the Agricultural Crime Unit are leading to new ways that these fires are investigated.

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## Forest Fire Investigation

- Woodland arson
- Debris fires
- Burning without permit



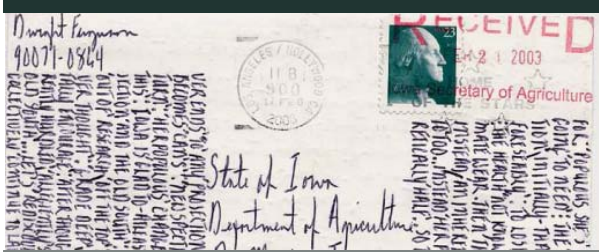
## Livestock Theft Investigation

- Dead animal disposal
- Livestock theft
- Other crimes



## State Forest Crime

- Meth labs
- ATV enforcement
- Marijuana grows



## Homeland Security

- Informing farmers of criminal activities
- Securing ag infrastructure
- Coordinating with other law enforcement agencies



## Other Ag Investigations

- Pesticide use and licensing
- Weights and measures
- Food and dairy inspection
- Animal importation

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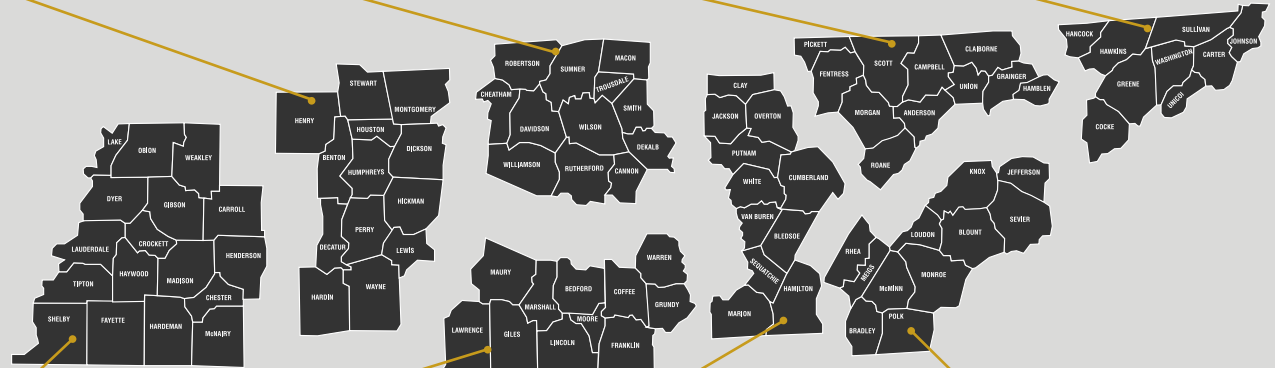
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